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1. SILVEIRA'S EARLIER COMMENT TO YOU (REF B) MAY REFLECT MISUNDERSTANDINGS OF SITUATION AND OUR POSITION SENT REFTEL. BASIC POINT IS SIMPLY THAT ARGENTINA PROPOSED THAT BUENOS AIRES MEETING CULMINATE IN A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT 1964 OAS RESOLUTION SHOULD BE AMENDED AT APRIL MEETING OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PERMIT CUBAN SANCTIONS TO BE LIFTED BY MAJORITY. (THIS WOULD BE AN IMPLEMENTATION IN THE SPECIFIC CASE OF THE CONSENSUS ALREADY RECORDED IN THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE THAT RIO TREATY SANCTIONS SHOULD GENERALLY BE REMOVED BY MAJORITY VOTE.) LATER, DURING THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN APRIL, THE DELEGATES COULD CONVENE THEMSELVES BRIEFLY AS ORGAN OF CONSULTATION, UNDER RIO TREATY, AND BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE (THUS HONORING THE REQUIREMENT IN TREATY'S ARTICLE 17) FORMALLY AND TECHNICALLY AMEND THE DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY IN RESOLUTION I OF THE 9TH MFM TO PROVIDE FOR PERMANENT
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COUNCIL ACTION TO LIFT SANCTIONS BY MAJORITY INSTEAD OF

TWO-THIRDS VOTE.

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2. WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT ANY VOTE WOULD BE TAKEN AT B.A. VICE REF (C) , PARA 2.

3. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GOB'S COMMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO CONSULT WITH GOB ON THE MATTER, AS SILVEIRA SUGGESTS.

4. WITH REGARD TO TRADE BILL, WE HAVE SENT CONCILIATORY LETTER TO ECUADOR'S LUCIO PAREDES POINTING OUT THAT THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY HAD OPPOSED OPEC PROVISION, AND HAVE TAKEN OTHER MEASURES TO COOL OFF ISSUE SOMEWHAT AND PERMIT ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA TO RECONSIDER. KISSINGER

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